

Newsletter Issue 20: Friday 6 February 2026



St Ann's Church of England Primary School



Together, we aim high; with God's love, we can fly!



PARENT INSIGHT SESSIONS



We were delighted with the success of this week's Parent Insight sessions, which focused on nurturing our children's spiritual development. It was wonderful to welcome parents and carers into school to share this special learning experience alongside their children. The sessions, held in the Studio, offered a meaningful insight into how spirituality is woven into our curriculum through reflection, discussion and creativity. Children were proud to learn alongside their families, and the calm, reflective atmosphere highlighted the depth of their

thinking and understanding. We are grateful to all parents and carers who attended and supported these sessions, and we are equally pleased that all children were able to participate fully, regardless of attendance. Thank you for your continued partnership in supporting your child's spiritual growth.



KIDS GET THEIR SUPER POWERS BY
**ATTENDING SCHOOL
 EVERY DAY** ⚡

BE AN ATTENDANCE
 SUPERHERO!

Whole school attendance year to date <i>Whole School target 96%</i>	95.93%
Whole school attendance week ending 30 th January 2026	97.18%
Class with best weekly attendance	4H – 99.26%

#EveryMomentMatters



Attendance Expectations

Children are expected to be in school **every day** unless they are unwell. All other reasons will be unauthorised. If your child is going to be absent, contact school and let us know before 9.25am. Children not in school may receive a phone call home or home visit. In line with our Attendance Policy, we are committed to supporting families in improving their child's attendance, before taking legal action.

**Number of pupils
with 100% attendance
this week**

371

Punctuality

School gates open at **8.40am**
 School gates close at **8.50am**
 School starts at **8.55am**

Children arriving after 8.50am will need to use the main entrance. Children who enter school via the main entrance will be registered as late. Regularly missing the beginning of lessons has a negative impact on a child's progress and wellbeing.

ST ANN'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL SPIRITUALITY PHOTOGRAPH COMPETITION

Following our inspiring series of collective worships focused on nurturing our spirituality, and this half term's Parent Insight on flourishing spiritually, we are excited to launch a Spirituality Photograph Competition for all our pupils!

What to do:

Capture an image or take a photo that inspires you spiritually. It could be something that makes you feel peaceful, hopeful, joyful, or connected to God's love and the world around you.

- You can enter as many photos as you like – let your creativity soar!
- Each photo should reflect what spirituality means to you personally.

How to enter:

Send your photo entries to: stannsce@three-saints.org.uk

Deadline:

All entries must be submitted by Friday 6 February.

Judging and Prizes:

Our Values Ambassador Team will carefully select the winners. Each winner will receive a £5 book token as a prize.

Display:

All photos entered will be proudly displayed in our school's RE Area for everyone to enjoy and be inspired by.

We wish everyone the best of luck and are looking forward to seeing your wonderful entries flooding in!

Together, let's celebrate the beautiful ways we experience and express our spirituality.

A SPOTLIGHT ON: Fundamental British Values



The government defined British values in the 2011 Prevent Strategy, reaffirmed by the Prime Minister in 2014. These values are essential for nurturing children into well-rounded members of society who treat others with respect and tolerance, regardless of their background.

At St Ann's, we reflect these British values in all aspects of our school life. Our aim is to nurture children on their journey through life, helping them grow into safe, caring, democratic, responsible, and tolerant adults who positively impact British society and the world. We encourage our children to be creative, unique, open-minded, and independent individuals, respectful of themselves and others within our school, local community, and beyond.

Our Collective Worship Long Term Plan outlines where Fundamental British Values are taught, and we reinforce these values regularly through our Dojo reward system and various initiatives.

How We Promote Fundamental British Values

1. Democracy

- We have an elected Rights Respecting Parliament (School Council). During Democracy Day, children create manifestos and present them to their class, participating in a ballot to elect their representatives. Badges are awarded by the Mayor of St Helens to signify their roles.
- The origins of democracy are explored through research on Ancient Greece.
- Democracy is integrated into PSHE lessons, collective worship, and real-life contexts throughout the year, emphasising good citizenship.
- We encourage volunteerism and activism, such as local litter picking and fundraising for good causes.
- We celebrate UK Parliament Week and provide opportunities for children to vote on school-related matters, like new playtime equipment.

2. The Rule of Law

- Our Rights Respecting Relationships and Behaviour Policy sets high standards for pupil conduct, underpinned by our three core rules: Courtesy, Care, and Concentration.
- Through collective worship and PSHE, children learn about trust, respect, and morality, understanding right from wrong.
- Local community police officers and other visitors discuss their roles, reinforcing the importance of the rule of law.
- Activities like Bikeability teach children about safety and the law.

3. Individual Liberty

- Our Christian values and PSHE curriculum emphasise personal responsibility, choice, ambition, and aspiration.
- Children are encouraged to explore interests in art, music, and sports through various clubs.
- We teach children how to keep themselves safe, including online safety, through lessons and workshops with organisations like the NSPCC.
- Aspirations Focus Days highlight diverse career choices, linking real-life opportunities to classroom learning.

4. Mutual Respect

- We are a UNICEF Rights Respecting School. Displays throughout the school promote respect for all children's rights.
- Our Rights Respecting Relationships and Behaviour Policy emphasises mutual respect.
- Through Christian values and PSHE, children learn to cooperate, celebrate differences, and support one another.
- Specific worships focus on understanding protected characteristics and charitable work.
- We celebrate Interfaith Week and World Religion Day, promoting understanding of various faiths.

5. Tolerance of Different Faiths and Beliefs

- Our Rights Respecting Relationships and Behaviour Policy promotes tolerance, supported by our Community Engagement and Equality & Diversity policies.
- Tolerance is taught through Religious Education and PSHE, where children learn about different religions, beliefs, places of worship, and festivals.
- Local religious leaders visit the school, and children have opportunities to explore places of worship.
- We make explicit connections to tolerance across subjects, including English and the wider curriculum.

A HEARTFELT THANK YOU TO MR. ANDREW BROOKS FOR OUR BEAUTIFUL NEW CROSS

We are delighted to share with our school community the arrival of a stunning new cross for our altar used during collective worship. This special piece was lovingly crafted by Mr. Andrew Brooks, a cherished former teacher within the Three Saints Academy Trust.

The cross is a remarkable work of art made entirely from reclaimed wood, reflecting both creativity and sustainability. The body and arms of the cross come from a fallen apple tree in the garden of a teaching assistant at St Mary and St Thomas', symbolising deep roots within our Trust community. The base is fashioned from teak or mahogany, sourced as an off-cut from a door frame company in Wigan, a gift from one of Mr. Brooks' friends.

Mr. Brooks has dedicated his entire career to education and, even in retirement, remains a passionate supporter of our schools. Mrs. Rynn has had the privilege of working closely with Andrew during her time at St Mary and St Thomas', and his ongoing involvement continues to inspire and support the work across our Trust.

We are truly grateful for Andrew's generosity, craftsmanship, and unwavering commitment to our community. This beautiful cross will be a meaningful focal point for reflection and worship, reminding us all of the strength and unity within our Trust.

Thank you, Mr. Brooks, for this wonderful gift and for your continued support.



LORD'S PRAYER TRAIL

This week, our Year 4 Values Ambassadors brilliantly led the Lord's Prayer Trail, guiding each class through a series of creative and inspiring activities at multiple stations. The hands-on experience built on the children's participation in the Autumn term's Lord's Prayer Collective Moment, deepening their understanding of this important Christian prayer. Pupils engaged thoughtfully in reflection and discussion, connecting with the prayer's themes in meaningful ways. The trail was a wonderful example of our children demonstrating leadership while enhancing spiritual development, and it was inspiring to see our school community come together in this shared, reflective experience.



CONGRATULATIONS MISS FOSTER

We are delighted to share the wonderful news that Miss Foster welcomed a beautiful baby girl, Ada, on Monday 5 January. Ada weighed 8lb 6oz, and both mum and baby are doing well. We are sure you will join us in congratulating Miss Foster and her family on this very happy arrival. 🎉



School close for half term on
Friday 13th February

School opens after half term on
Monday 23th February



Y3 COMMUNION

On **Thursday 12 February** Y3 will attend the community Communion service at St Ann's Church.

NATIONAL ORAL HEALTH SURVEY

On **Wednesday 11 February**, all children who are 5 years old, will take part in the National Oral Health Survey.

NATIONAL STORY TELLING WEEK

This week, all classes joined online workshops for **National Storytelling Week 2026**, themed *Soundtrack Your Story*. Created by the Society for Storytelling, this annual event celebrates the joy of sharing stories, inspiring imagination, empathy, and literacy, while encouraging children to explore, enjoy, and create their own stories.



FAMILY WORSHIP

Well done to 4H for their thought provoking worship all about online safety.



Our next Family Worship will be led by **20** and take place on **Friday 6 March at 9am**. Please enter the hall via the back door.

Everyone welcome

CRICKET SESSIONS

Year 3 to Year 6 thoroughly enjoyed their cricket taster sessions led by **Rainhill Cricket Club** this term. Pupils had fun developing new skills, teamwork, and a love for the game. A huge thank you to the Cricket Club for inspiring our young players and supporting active, healthy learning!





COMING UP: STAR DAY

We are once again very excited to be celebrating STAR Day on Friday 13th February and we look forward to a special day that brings our whole school community together. **STAR Day** is a great opportunity for children and staff to raise money. This year the charities we are supporting focus on sustainability and climate change, helping to care for the Earth so plants, animals and people can stay healthy now and in the future by saving energy, reducing waste and protecting nature.



This year on STAR Day we will be supporting two charities. One of these will be WaterAid and the second charity will be chosen by the children through a school vote, giving them the chance to share their views and take part in an important decision.

On the day we are asking children to come to school wearing their own clothes and all children across the school will take part in a Star Day Treasure Hunt.

To support our charities, we kindly ask families to make a £2 donation via Arbor.



KEY STAGE 1 NEW AGE KURLING COMPETITION

KS1 and KS2 pupils recently took part in two exciting New Age Curling competitions, where they proudly represented the school. Children showed fantastic focus, teamwork and sportsmanship as they practised their skills and competed against other schools. It was wonderful to see confidence grow across both age groups, with lots of encouragement and smiles throughout the events. Well done to everyone involved for their enthusiasm and effort!



PE KIT EXPECTATIONS

At St Ann's, children wear their PE kit to school on the days they have PE lessons. We view the PE kit as an important extension of our school uniform, and therefore, we expect the same high standards of dress to be maintained.

All children are required to wear:

- Navy blue t-shirt
- Navy blue hoody
- Navy blue shorts
- Navy blue jogging bottoms
- Trainers



There should be no branding on PE uniforms.
Please ensure all items are clearly labelled with your child's name.

These items can be plain or feature the school and Trust logo. Please note that branded sportswear is not permitted.

Additionally, trainers should only be worn on PE days and are not acceptable as everyday footwear.


If a child arrives without the correct PE kit, the school will provide suitable clothing for them to wear during the day.

We appreciate your continued cooperation and support in helping us uphold these standards.


HENRY WORKSOP

We're pleased to be hosting a HENRY workshop on **Looking After Ourselves**, designed to support parents and children with positive wellbeing and healthy habits. During the session, parents will gain practical ideas and, at the end, will have the opportunity to work together with their child on a small activity to put learning into practice. **Places are limited**, so if you would like to attend, please contact the **school office** to sign up.

Looking after ourselves
Free local workshops



Find out ways to look after yourself and stay calm



Come along!

Family life can be stressful. This workshop helps you to find ways to look after yourself and stay calm so you can juggle everything better.

Come along and:

- Understand the benefits of recharging our batteries for emotional and physical health
- Share feelings and develop realistic expectations and coping strategies
- Overcome feelings of guilt and failure
- Gain practical strategies to reduce the stresses of family life

More information
25th February
9-10.30am
Rainhill St Ann's CoE Primary School

SAFEGUARDING ALERT:



Stranger Danger

NEVER-Agree to meet a stranger.

NEVER-Go anywhere or do anything with someone that you do not know.

NEVER-Take sweets or presents from someone you do not know.

NEVER-Never get into a car or vehicle of someone you do not know.

NEVER-Give personal details to a stranger.

ALWAYS -Tell your parents or responsible adult where you are going.

ALWAYS -Arrange a time to be back and **STICK** to it.

ALWAYS -Look out for your friends when you're out.

ALWAYS -Know your address and contact number for a responsible adult in an emergency.

SPRING DISCOS: Thursday 12 February



- **3.15–4.15pm:** EYFS & Year 1
- **4.30–5.30pm:** Years 2 & 3
- **5.45–6.45pm:** Years 4–6

The disco is £3 per child, payable via Arbor.

Children in EYs and Y1 should wear their disco clothes to school.

Children should be dropped off at the Y1 classroom door on the yard. **Don't forget your ticket**, which will be sent home on Tuesday 10th February with your child!

All children must be collected from the disco by a responsible adult. Children will not be permitted to walk home on their own.

	Collection points
EYS	Early Years Playground
1S	Hall door at the back of school
1T	Hall door in Early Years Playground
Y2	Own classroom door
3M	Hall door at the back of school
3S	Hall door in Early Years Playground
Y4	Hall door at the back of school
Y5	Y1 door on the yard
Y6	Front door at the front of school



SUPER LEADER CHURCH SERVICE

On **Friday 13 February at 2.15pm**, selected children from **Years 2–6** will lead this half term's Church Service, celebrating our **Super Leaders Programme**. Parents and carers of the chosen speakers are warmly encouraged to attend and share in this special occasion.

ST ANN'S HAS GOT TALENT

We are excited to announce our annual talent show, St Ann's Has Got Talent, taking place on the evening of Monday 23rd March at Rainhill Village Hall. This is a fantastic opportunity for our children to showcase their incredible talents in front of family and friends. The school choir will also be performing, adding to the excitement of the evening!

Auditions will be held on Friday 27th February. If your child would like to take part, please complete the Expression of Interest form attached to this email and return it to the school office at stannsce@three-saints.org.uk no later than Monday 23rd February.

We welcome a wide range of acts—musicians, singers, dancers, comedians, sports stars, and more—the more varied, the better! Please ensure any music used is sent into school by 23rd February. Children should bring any props and costumes needed for their audition on the day.

Tickets for the show will be on sale soon at £8.00 each. We look forward to celebrating the amazing talents of our St Ann's children!

EASTER BINGO

On **Thursday 26 March**, we will be holding our much-loved Family Easter Bingo sessions to raise money for the school fund. This is always an enjoyable and successful fundraising event, and we are delighted to be running it again this year.

Due to space restrictions in the hall, the event is ticketed, with tickets available to purchase **via Arbor from noon 25th February 2026**. Three sessions will take place at **3.30pm, 4.45pm and 6.00pm**, each lasting no longer than one hour.

Please bring plenty of spare change, as refreshments, a raffle, and additional bingo cards will be available to purchase. Further details can be found in the separate letter sent home.



Family of Faith



A Reflection from Mrs Stephenson

Endurance is the steady commitment to keep going, even when the journey is difficult. In James 1:2–4, we are reminded that perseverance is not wasted; it is God’s tool for shaping us. When we endure challenges with faith, we allow perseverance to complete its work within us. Through trials, our character is strengthened, our trust in God deepens, and our faith matures. Endurance teaches us to rely on God rather than our own strength, helping us grow into people who are spiritually mature and complete, lacking nothing God intends for us.

**Our Christian Value this half term is...
ENDURANCE**

Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.

James 1: 2-4

St Ann’s Church Services

8:30am Sundays: Traditional Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion in Church. All welcome.

10:30am First Sunday: All Together For Worship – lively, inclusive parish service in Church.

10:30am Other Sundays:

- 2nd Sunday: Common Worship Communion (lighter service)
- 3rd Sunday: Morning Prayer and Teaching
- 4th Sunday: Formal Eucharist

(All in Church, concurrent with Platform 2)

10:30am Weekly (except 1st Sunday): Platform 2 in Millennium Centre – informal, family-focused worship with group activities, crafts, and games. Coffee and refreshments provided.

Thursdays 9:30am: Midweek Holy Communion in Church, followed by coffee in the Centre.





School nurse drop in session

Monday 9th February 2026 8.30am-9.15am

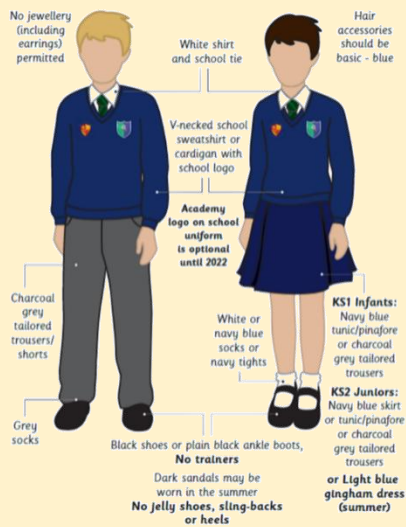
If you can arrive at the front office, a member of staff will be able to support.

Thank you



GENERAL INFORMATION/REMINDERS

SCHOOL UNIFORM REMINDERS



SCHOOL SHOES REMINDER



**Please note, it is not compulsory to wear items of clothing with the school and Trust logos on. Children may wear plain navy-blue items of school uniform.*

INDIVIDUAL HEALTH CARE PLANS

If you have notified school that your child has a medical condition that requires an Individual Health Care Plan please ensure that if there are any changes to their condition a new form is completed.

If your child has a newly diagnosed condition that requires an Individual Health Care Plan please contact the school office to arrange for a form to be completed.

CONTACT DETAILS, CONSENT & PERMISSIONS

On a regular basis please check your contact details, consent and permissions on Arbor to make sure they are up to date for your child. Thank you

SCHOOL MEAL MENU

For a copy of up to date school meals menu, please check out our website by clicking on the following link: <https://www.rainhillstanns.co.uk/page/?title=School+Dinner+Menu&pid=46>

Please note, the menu is subject to change where there is a shortage of supplies.

TOAST

If you would like your child to have Toast at breaktime for Spring 2 (23rd February – 27th March 2026) please ensure that your Arbor Toast account has a balance of at least £6.25 by 10th February. If your account is not in credit by at least this amount by this date we will issue a reminder by In-App message. If payment is still not received by the date stated in the reminder we will be unable to provide your child with toast for the ensuing half term.

PURCHASING SCHOOL ITEMS

If you wish to purchase a school item this can now be done through Arbor. If you make a purchase please email the school office at stannsce@three-saints.org.uk so that arrangements can be made to issue the item. Current prices are as follows:

School Bag £10.00
Junior Tie £4.00
Elasticated Tie £3.50
Reading Record £1.00

OFFICE HOURS

We kindly ask for your patience and support during a period of reduced capacity in our school office. Please note that the office will close at 3:30pm each day until further notice. During this time, responses to calls and emails may take a little longer than usual, and we appreciate your understanding as we do our best to assist everyone. *Thank you for your continued cooperation and support.*

TERM DATES 2025-26

Term	Open on	Close on
Autumn Term 2025	Wednesday 3 September 2025	Friday 24 October 2025
	Monday 3 November 2025	Friday 19 December 2025
Spring Term 2026	Monday 5 January 2026	Friday 13 February 2026
	Monday 23 February 2026	Friday 27 March 2026
Summer Term 2026	Monday 13 April 2026	Thursday 21 May 2026
	Monday 1 June 2026	Friday 17 July 2026

Easter Bank Holidays:

Good Friday: 3 April 2026

Easter Monday: 6 April

Bank Holidays during term time:

Monday 4 May 2026

Inset Days:

1 September 2025

2 September 2025

21 November 2025

22 May 2026

20 July 2026

Courtesy

Care

Concentration

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‘But those who trust in the Lord, they will find new strength.

They will soar high on wings like eagles’ **Isaiah 40:31**

Parents' Suggestion/Comment Slip

Spring Term Dates for Dairy		
Monday	9 th February 2026	All children to wear PE Kit to school
Monday	9 th February 2026	School Nurse Drop-in 8.30am
Wednesday	11 th February 2026	National Oral Health Survey (5 year olds only)
Thursday	12 th February 2026	Y3 Communion 9.30-10.30am @ Church Everyone welcome! Spring Disco's 3.15-4.15pm 4.30-5.30pm 5.45pm-6.45pm
Friday	13 th February 2026	STAR DAY – see article in Newsletter Church Service @ 2.15pm: Head Boy & Girl and selected pupils from Y2- Y5 to lead
Friday	13 th February 2026	School Closes
Monday	23 rd February 2026	School Opens
Wednesday	25 th February 2026	Parent Workshop: Looking After Ourselves @ school 9-930am Ash Wednesday Service 2.15-3.00pm @ Church Everyone welcome!
Friday	27 th February 2026	St Ann's Has Got Talent Auditions
Thursday	5 th March 2026	Parent Forum 2-3pm
Friday	6 th March 2026	2O Family Worship 9.00am School Hall
Monday- Thursday	9 th March 2026	Y1, Y4 & Y6 Parent Workshops: Statutory Tests 5.00pm Dates TBC
Wednesday	11 th March 2026	Y2 Trip to the Anglican Cathedral, Liverpool
Friday	13 th March 2026	2M Family Worship 9.00am School Hall Friends Meeting 2.00-3.00pm
Monday & Tuesday	16 th & 17 th March 2026	Mentoring Conversations @ school 3.30-6.00pm
Thursday	19 th March 2026	Y4 Communion 9.30-10.30am @ Church Everyone welcome!
Monday	23 rd March 2026	St Ann's Has Got Talent Rainhill Village Hall
Thursday	26 March 2026	Easter Bingo @ school (ticketed) 3.30-4.30pm 4.45-5.45pm 6.00-7.00pm
Friday	27 th March 2026	Y5 Easter Service 2.15-3.00pm @ Church Everyone welcome!
Friday	27 th March 2026	School Closes

TOAST

If you would like your child to have Toast every half term please see below for the amount due each half term and the date the amount is required by. Payments should be made to your Arbor Toast account. Payments can be made in advance of these dates if you wish and the credit will be used once the due date arrives.

	Amount Due	Date Toast Account to be in credit by
Autumn 1	£9.50	Midday 17th July 2025
Autumn 2	£8.50	Midday 21st October 2025
Spring 1	£7.50	Midday 16th December 2025
Spring 2	£6.25	Midday 10th February 2026
Summer 1	£5.75	Midday 24th March 2026
Summer 2	£8.75	Midday 15th May 2026

Total for year £46.25

MUSIC CENTRE

**FREE ensembles, bands and choirs
for all abilities at St Helens Town Hall**

MONDAY

VOCAL YOUTH 6:15-7:30pm

TUESDAY

ROCK BAND 4:30-6pm

WEDNESDAY

BEGINNER ORCHESTRA 4-5pm

INTERMEDIATE ORCHESTRA 4-5PM

ST HELENS YOUTH ORCHESTRA 5:30-7PM

For more info ask your music
service tutor.

**To book your place email
musicservice@sthelens.gov.uk**



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FREE ENTRY

BOOK SWAP

PARTY

RENEW YOUR BOOK COLLECTION
Bring your used books and find yourself a
new one to enjoy!

Fiction, Non-Fiction, Adults, Young Adults,
Children, Baby & Toddler Books!

For all ages!

Crafts &
Storytelling for
young kids

Don't miss the visit of some
childrens' book characters!

Raffle!

Refreshments available



Rainhill High School Library



Available



Saturday 28/02



10am - 1pm